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Subject: Revised Ranking of potential site locations for a retention tank at the top of Gowanus Canal
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To all:

As you know, NYCDEP had submitted to EPA a report that evaluated (on the basis of several factors) several locations for the placement of the underground retention tank, called for in the ROD, in the upper Canal. EPA provided specific comments to NYCDEP regarding the appropriateness of certain assumptions. In particular, EPA pointed out that the cost of land acquisition, potentially a major component of the total cost of the project, was not included in the evaluation. EPA requested that NYCDEP address its comments and submit a revised report. Subsequently, NYCDEP provided EPA with documentation that essentially stated that it disagreed with EPA's comments.

Following NYCDEP's refusal to revise the Site Ranking evaluation in accordance with EPA's comments, EPA asked its contractor, CH2MHill, to produce a Site Ranking evaluation matrix that reflected EPA's comments. The product of that evaluation is attached here. According to CH2MHill:

"These revisions and reevaluation result in a higher scoring of location RH-4 compared to location RH-3".

In other words, according to CH2MHill, the Thomas Greene Park site (RH-4) would be the preferred location based on evaluation of technical and cost factors.

EPA has not provided to NYCDEP its final disposition on the matter as per the Unilateral Administrative Order. These findings will be incorporated in a forthcoming general response letter to NYCDEP on the remedial design submittals which include both the CSO Tank Siting report (and subsequent Facility Site Recommendation) and the Preliminary Design reports.

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